

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method of increasing a high-density lipoprotein level in plasma in a postmenopausal woman comprising the ~~step~~ steps of administering a pharmaceutical formulation comprising calcium citrate at a therapeutically effective dose ~~of greater than 800 mg elemental calcium per day, and measuring the high-density lipoprotein level in said woman.~~
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the high-density lipoprotein level in plasma is increased at least about 5% in said woman.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the high-density lipoprotein level in plasma is increased at least about 7.7% in said woman.
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutically effective dose of calcium citrate is equivalent to at least about 1 g elemental calcium per day.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical formulation comprises calcium citrate in an amount equivalent to ~~at least from about 10 mg greater than 800 mg~~ to about 1 g elemental calcium per day.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said administering is for at least about 2 months.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said administering is for at least about 6 months.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said administering is for at least about 12 months.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) A method of increasing a high-density lipoprotein level in plasma by about 7.7% in a postmenopausal woman comprising the ~~step steps~~ of administering calcium citrate in an amount equivalent to about 1 g elemental calcium per day, and measuring the high-density lipoprotein level in said woman.

12. (Currently amended) A method of increasing a ratio of high-density lipoprotein to low-density lipoprotein in a postmenopausal woman comprising the ~~step steps~~ of administering a pharmaceutical formulation comprising calcium citrate at a therapeutically effective dose, ~~of greater than 800 mg elemental calcium per day and measuring the ratio of high-density lipoprotein to low-density lipoprotein in said woman.~~

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13 12, wherein said ratio is increased by at least about 17% in said woman.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13 12, wherein said calcium citrate is in a quantity sufficient to provide at least about 1 g elemental calcium per day.

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 13 12, wherein said administering is for at least about 2 months.

16. -21(Cancelled)

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the postmenopausal women are at least 10 years postmenopause.